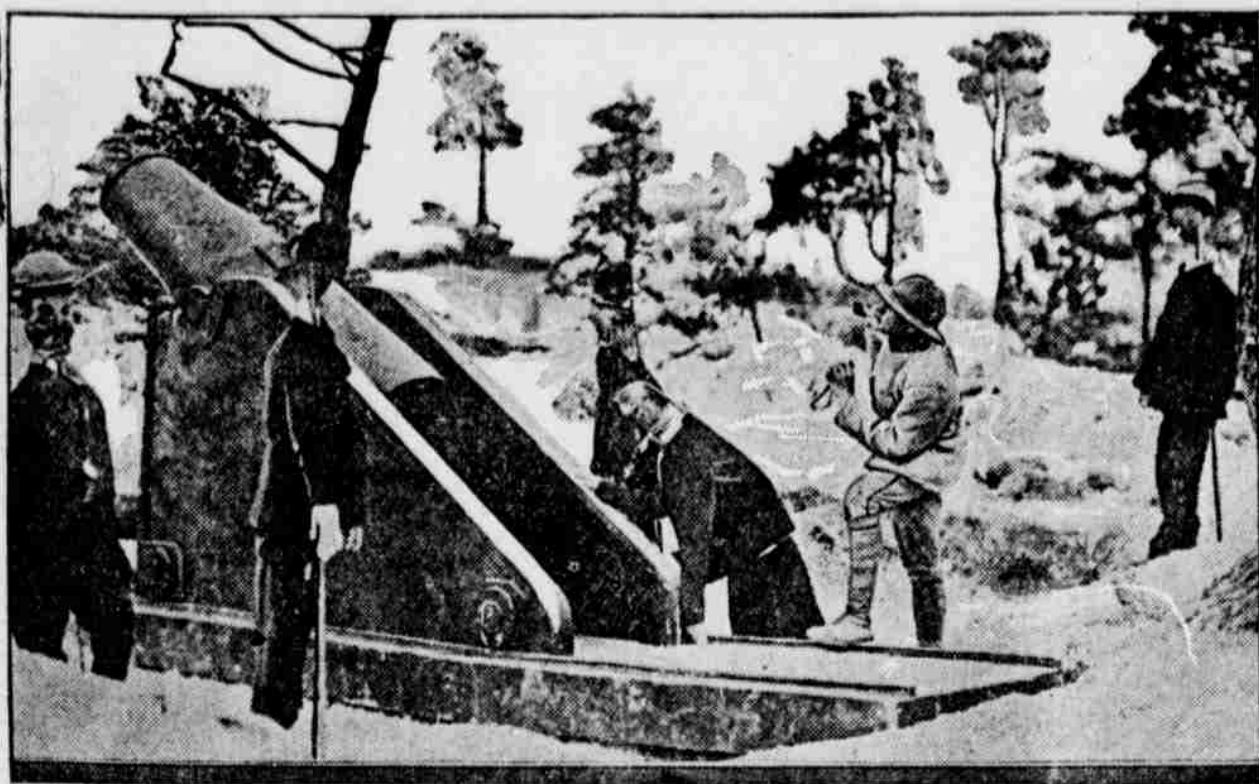


ELABORATE DEVICE TO DECEIVE ENEMY AVIATORS



This is probably the most elaborate deceptive device used by any of the belligerent armies. The French have posted a large number of their 220-centimeter mortars in woods and other places, where they are hidden from the enemy's "air eyes." In order to deceive the German aviators, the French have placed very clever fake guns around the real mortars. They are substantially built of wood and metal to look genuine, and uniformed figures are placed about to represent the gun squads. When an aviator appears overhead, soldiers a long way off pull strings to make the figures move. Smoke also comes out of the gun muzzle.

MEN KILL 150 RATTLES

Threshing Crew in Kansas Is Kept Busy After the First One Is Found.

Wakeeney, Kan.—There are fewer rattlesnakes in Trego county today than there were the middle of the week, as a threshing crew working near this city killed 150 snakes in a few minutes near where they were working recently.

A large rattler was observed by one of the men lying in a low place at the mouth of a hole. He was pulled out and killed and with him six more, and then others.

For more than a half hour the men worked hard killing snakes, and when there were no more in sight tails were counted and 150 had been killed. The largest one measured six feet and four inches and he had an even dozen rattles.

TRADE INDICATIONS.



Customer—How's the business?
Merchant—It's variable. Over there in the mattress section it's so quiet you can hear the bed ticking, but here in the towels we're so busy you can't hear the crash.

The Busy Life.

I love to loaf the living day,
I guard 'gainst stimulating mirth
And read to pass the hours away
About efficiency's great worth.

Vindicated.

"Tommy, don't be so rough with 'do."
"Shucks, ma! 'Fido ain't no molly-oddle, even if his hair is curly and you put a ribbon around his neck."

His Lucky Day.

"Have any luck on golf today?"
"I should say I did. I lost my match, but found a ball that was as good as new."

HEALTH INSURANCE.

New York Will Be Asked to Try German and British Plan.

The American Association For Labor Legislation has prepared a bill designed to establish in New York state a system of health insurance. The measure will be introduced in the state legislature at the winter session, and it is intended to have it introduced also in the legislatures of other states at the earliest favorable opportunity. The bill has been drafted after long study by the social insurance committee of the association, and its proposals follow generally the lines of the British and German systems, with suitable adaptation to American conditions.

The general purpose of the measure is to provide, at the joint expense of the worker, the employer and the state, for health insurance for the worker and for medical care for himself and his family. As drafted, the bill applies to all those engaged in manual labor and to all others earning less than \$100 a month. It would provide every insured worker with medical care, including nursing attendance, hospital care, medical and surgical supplies and a cash benefit equal to two-thirds of the wage for a maximum of twenty-six weeks in a year; to the wife if she is also insured a cash benefit for eight weeks, and to the entire family it grants medical care and a funeral benefit on the death of the insured wage earner.

Employers and their employees, in most cases, would contribute equally, and the state would add one-fourth of this sum. The actual amount of the contributions is to be calculated with reference to wages and the cost of benefits. It is claimed that these benefits can be bought by the workers for the amount many of them now spend on funeral benefits alone.

The insurance would be carried by mutual organizations of employers and employees organized according to benefits and industries and supervised by the state social insurance commission created by the act. Employers and employees would have an equal voice in the administration and in the adjustment of the contributions. Upon specified conditions the existing benefit societies maintained by employers or workmen may be approved for the purposes of the act.

Radium as a Fertilizer.

One-seven-hundredth part of a grain of radium will thoroughly fertilize a ton of soil, and cause grain to grow with great rapidity. Where this experiment has been tried it has been noticed that all the leaves become very dark. Radishes and carrots raised in this soil grew to six times their usual weight.

CHILD WELFARE EXHIBITS.

Federal Department of Labor Bulletin Suggests Methods of Work.

"Child Welfare Exhibits" is the title of a bulletin issued recently by the child division of the federal department of labor. This has been prepared in reply to the many inquiries received by the bureau about exhibits, and single copies may be had for the asking. The bulletin will give those who expect to observe the nation wide baby week next March or those who are planning a baby show, a children's health conference or any kind of children's exhibit the benefit of expert advice and practical experience in successful exhibit work.

The bulletin is full of suggestions for communities of all sizes. It describes effective small exhibits of one or another phase of child problems. It defines a "child welfare exhibit" in the title of which the name of the city or state appears as a "well rounded presentation of the whole question of the welfare of the community's children" and sounds a warning against undertaking such a general exhibit without the co-operation of all the social agencies of the community.

The results of child welfare exhibits are emphasized. "A new factory inspector in Kansas City, a housing inspector in Louisville, a \$25,000 school building in a congested district of Northampton, increased sewer connections in Easthampton, where the ice supply of the town was menaced, are types of results which have been secured in practically every community that has devoted sufficient time and thought to the planning of a child welfare exhibit. In cities where no organized combination of social agencies exists to interpret and carry out the legislative program suggested by an exhibit the exhibit organization itself is often a first step to such combination."

The bulletin includes a complete list of all child welfare exhibits owned by state departments Jan. 1, 1915, and a copy of the record blank used by the children's health conference of the children's bureau.

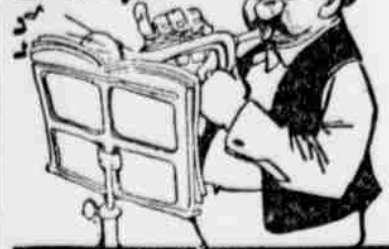
Where Bluff Wouldn't Work.

"Bluff!" sneered the blustering man. "Bluff is the thing. A man can bluff his way through life." "But," said the conservative, "if you couldn't swim and fell in, you couldn't bluff the river for a second."—Livingston Lance.

Coal Oil Good.

Coal oil is recommended as an excellent cleaning agent. One woman uses a rag moistened with coal oil to clean her stained wood floors, to clean woodwork, porcelain bathtub and stand and also to polish the wall behind the kitchen range.

IN ANOTHER KEY



Shut Out.

"Phew!" exclaimed Mr. Dubwaite. "I see where another corporation has cut a large melon."

"Were they entertaining their employees, dear?" asked Mrs. Dubwaite, to whom a melon by the river's brink is a melon, nothing more.

"No," replied Mr. Dubwaite. "A melon of that sort is usually cut on the polished mahogany table of a directors' room and the average employee never gets within a mile of it."

Chastening Influence.

Ichabod—When I was coming home from school, papa, I stubbed my toe on a flagstone that stuck up in the sidewalk.

Father—I hope it didn't make you say any bad words.

"Indeed it did not."

"That's a good boy."

"I didn't say any bad words at all because it was right in front of our Sunday school."—Youngstown Telegram.

No Way to Entertain a Traveling Man.

"You can always trust well-meaning persons to do the wrong thing," said the traveling man.

"What are you thinking of now?" asked the second drummer.

"I called on some dear old friends of mine in this town the other day and they insisted on taking me down to the best hotel for dinner."

Logical.

Kind Old Lady—I'm sure you won't mind my asking you, but are you a relative of Captain Jones of Mudford?

The Officer—Madame, I am Captain Jones of Mudford.

Kind Old Lady—Ah, then that accounts for the extraordinary resemblance!—London Opinion.

UNPLEASANT RECEPTION.



Kindly Guard—I suppose you look forward to your day of release, don't you?

No. 5000—Yes, and it makes me nervous. Yer see I'm in fer bigamy and my four wives promised to meet me at de gate.

Work.

No man can leap into success
Within a single minute;
Each victory has more or less
Of work behind or in it.

Expensive Toy.

"Get any speed out of that car?" asked the inquisitive friend.

"Sure," answered the discouraged motorist; "but for the most part it's the kind you can't see."

"What do you mean?"

"I was referring to the rapidity with which it is running me into debt."

Fortified Sentiment.

"Is your wife disappointed because she didn't get the vote?"

"I don't think so. The defeat of woman suffrage has merely strengthened her conviction that men are political failures and serves to prolong the interest of the campaign."—Washington Star.

And Nothing Happened.

"Are you superstitious about the number thirteen?"

"Why, no. I was born thirteen minutes past the hour on the thirteenth day of May, in a house numbered thirteen, and I spent some thirteen lunar months in the thirteenth year of my age."

A Good Guess.

"My doctor sized up my pile pretty accurately."

"How's that?"

"He said I was as sound as a dollar and that was all I had."—Judge.

Remunerating the Tireless Worker.

"How will you have your pay?"

"I don't quite understand you?"

"Shall we give you a rising vote or thanks now, or wait and send a few red roses for your casket?"

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RUSSIANS ON THE ROUMANIAN FRONTIER



This picture, which has just reached America, was taken at the mouth of the Danube on the Russian Rumanian frontier. The men are all veterans of the Polish campaign, and to say the least they are hardy, rugged fighters. They are part of the huge Russian army which has been mobilized at this region presumably for the invasion of Bulgaria.